entire issue and to make proposals regarding their resettlement. Meanwhile, a social interaction programme has been initiated under which groups of migrants have visited various districts of the Valley and interacted with the locals with a view to pave the way for return of the migrants.

**Increase in Armed Police Patrol**

3995. DR. RAJA RAMANNA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government would consider increasing armed local police during their night duties in view of the increased crime levels in the normally peaceful areas in all large cities of the country, which is in no small way due to television and other sources of crime reporting ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per the Constitution of India. As such, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to determine the level of deployment of their Police force keeping in view the crime levels.

**Bangladeshis in North-East**

3996. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of refugees and refugee families from Bangladesh in the North-Eastern States and West Bengal as per 1991 census and at present;

(b) the steps already taken and being taken to ensure their repatriation and safe return to the country of their origin; and

(c) the Central aid given to Assam and other North-Eastern Sates to sustain and support the refugee population ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) No question on Bangladeshi refugees was canvassed at the 1991 Census. However, according to a survey conducted by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh in 1998 there were 37,959 Chakma refugees in the State. There is no proposal to repatriate the Bangladeshi refugees who had come to India before March 25, 1971.

According to available information 57,335 Chakma refugees were repatriated to Bangladesh from Tripura between February, 1994 and February, 1998.